

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph and heading beginning at page 1, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/638,953 filed on August 11, 2003 by David Maas et al. and entitled "Soil Aerator" ~~and a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/281,786 filed on October 28, 2002 by Scott Bjorge and entitled "Soil Aeration Tine," which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/821,373 filed March 29, 2001 by Scott Bjorge and entitled "Soil Aeration Tine,"~~ the entirety of which is ~~are~~ incorporated herein by reference. ~~This application also claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on February 10, 2004 by David Maas et al. and entitled "Soil Aerator," the entirety of which is hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.~~